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HOUSE BILL 240

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL PERSONNEL; PERMITTING ALTERNATIVE LEVEL ONE
TEACHERS TO OBTAIN LEVEL TWO LICENSES AFTER MEETING CERTAIN
REQUIREMENTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 22-10A-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2003,
Chapter 153, Section 41, as amended) is amended to read:

"22-10A-10. LEVEL TWO LICENSURE.--

A. A level two license is a nine-year license
granted to a teacher who meets the qualifications for that
level and who annually demonstrates essential competency to
teach. If a level two teacher does not demonstrate essential
competency in a given school year, the school district shall
provide the teacher with additional professional development
and peer intervention during the following school year. If by

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1 the end of that school year the teacher fails to demonstrate
2 essential competency, a school district may choose not to
3 contract with the teacher to teach in the classroom.

4 B. The department shall issue a level two license
5 to an applicant who [~~successfully completes the level one~~
6 ~~license or is granted reciprocity as provided by department~~
7 ~~rules; demonstrates~~] has successfully taught at least three,
8 but no more than five, years as a level one teacher or an
9 alternative level one teacher, or a combination of the two, or
10 is granted reciprocity as provided by department rules. An
11 applicant for a level two license shall:

12 (1) demonstrate essential competency required
13 by the department as verified by the local superintendent
14 through the highly objective uniform statewide standard of
15 evaluation; and [~~meets~~]

16 (2) meet other qualifications as required by
17 the department.

18 C. The department shall provide for qualifications
19 for specific grade levels, types and subject areas of level two
20 licensure, including early childhood, elementary, middle,
21 secondary, special and vocational education.

22 D. With the adoption by the department of the
23 statewide objective performance evaluation for level two
24 teachers, the minimum salary for a level two teacher for a
25 standard nine and one-half month contract shall be forty-four

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